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## Sen. Allen named to executive committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures

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**LANSING** – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, was recently named to his second term on the National Conference of State Legislatures' Executive Committee. Allen is the only Michigan lawmaker to be named to the top committee and was first named to the committee in 2003.

The NCSL is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization that works on behalf of the country's state legislatures.

"Being named to the executive committee for a second term is a true honor," Allen said. "As a dedicated public servant, this is a wonderful opportunity to serve in an even greater capacity."

Allen currently serves as chair of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee as well as the Gaming and Casino Oversight Committee. He also serves as vice-chair of the Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee and is a member of the Government Operations Committee.

Prior to being elected to the Senate, Allen served in the Michigan House of Representatives for the 104th District from 1999 through 2002. Allen's NCSL term will end at the 2005 Annual Meeting in Seattle.

The organization serves legislators and staffs of the states, commonwealths and territories by providing research and technical assistance as well as allowing legislators the ability to exchange ideas on important state issues. NCSL serves as an advocate for the interests of the states in the American federal system

"I am honored to be recognized by NCSL and have enjoyed my tenure as an executive committee member," Allen said. "This group is dedicated to the future and well-being of citizens all across the country. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to continued work with other committed legislators."